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NONFERROUS METALLURGY INCREASES PRODUCTION; NEW ALUMINUM PLANT OPERATING IN ARMENIA; GEOLOGICAL PROSPECTING INTENSIFIED

MINISTER STRESSING PRODUCTION INCREASE IN 1951 -- Moscow, Trud, 8 Feb 51

The Third Congress of the Trade Union of Workers of Nonferrous Metallurgy is taking place in Moscow. Yevstratov, chairman of the Central Committee of the union, gave the main report. Lomako, Minister of Nonferrous Metallurgy, spoke of the tasks of the industry in 1951, which are, mainly, the full utilization of reserves existing in each enterprise, the drive for further increase in labor productivity on the basis of better utilization of technology, and exchange of experience among leaders in production. In 1951, the ministry will increase the volume of construction of housing and communal buildings. More than 100 million rubles will be allocated to the construction of medical, children's, and cultural establishments alone.

KAZAKH INDUSTRY SHOWS INCREASE OVER 1949 -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 6 Feb 51

According to a report by the Statistics Administration Kazakh SSR, production of important nonferrous metal products in the republic in 1950 in percent of 1949 was as follows: polymetallic are, 137 percent; copper are, 116 percent; nickel are, 118 percent; tin concentrates, 154 percent; lead concentrates, 122 percent; zinc concentrates, 121 percent; blister copper, 119 percent; refined lead, 112 percent; zinc, 123 percent; and ferrochrome, 114 percent.

Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 9 Feb 51

Miners and concentrators of the Belousovka Mine Administration of the Irtysh Polymetallic Combine, Vostochno-Kazakhstan Oblast, have responded to the appeal from Karaganda coal miners for early completion of the 1951 plan. The administration successfully co pleted the 1950 plan. Thousands of tons of ore and lead and zinc concentrates were produced above plan. The miners are striving to mine 1,000 tons of ore per month per brigade. In January,

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six brigades met this goal. The administration's concentration plants considerably exceeded the January plan for processing ore and recovery of metal in concentrate form. Along with early completion of the 1951 plan, the administration's workers have also pledged to mechanize ore haulage from the stopes 85 percent.

Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda, 8 Feb 51

The Chimkent Lead Plant was cited at a trade union conference in Kazakhstan as one of the enterprises of the republic which is not meeting its plans.

LENINGRAD ENTERPRISES MEET PLAN -- Leningradskaya Pravda, 1 Feb 51

Leningrad enterprises of the Ministry of Nonferrous Metallurgy fulfilled the 1950 gross-production plan 101 percent.

NEW PLANT OPERATES IN ARMENIA; PROSPECTING INCREASES -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 21 Mar 51

During the past few years; nonferrous metallurgy has made great progress in the Armenian Sta. In 1950, the output of nonferrous metals increased 80 percent over 1948.

The "Kanaz" Plant /Kanaker Aluminum Plant was put into operation in mid1950. Workers of this plant mastered the production of the basic product in a
short period of time and steadily improved its quality. However, plant director
Akopov, chief engineer Sotskiy, and Agasaryan, secretary of the party organization, should organize production in such a way that the enterprise may take its
place among leading Soviet enterprises of a similar type, which show better results with regard to consumption of electric power, as well as quantity and
quality of production. The work of the construction organization should be so
regulated that government orders for completion of the second and third sections
of the plant will be fulfilled within the prescribed periods. Republic organizations must realize the importance of this enterprise and render every possible
aid to the construction organization, mainly by supplying construction engineers
and delivering the necessary construction materials. The rayon party committees
must improve their relations with construction organizations and give systematic
aid by recruiting labor in their respective rayous.

The completion of the first section of the Kadzharanskiy Combine has contributed a great deal toward further increasing the production of nonferrous metallurgy in the Armenian SSR.

During the past few years, geological prospecting for nonferrous metals, polymetallic ores, and other mineral resources has been carried on more intensively. In 1950, the volume of geological prospecting increased more than four times as compared with 1948. During this period, preliminary work for mining copper and other nonferrous metals increased 2-2½ times. Some of the new deposits have been sufficiently investigated and industrial mining has begun in these locations.

In connection with the further expansion of geological prospecting work, the Armenian Geological Administration must concentrate its attention on the use of new prospecting techniques and on improving the workers' housing and living conditions.

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